

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY MEMO

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SUBJECT

Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. / FM 969 PER – Public Input Summary

SUMMARY

This memo summarizes all input received from the 2nd Public Involvement (PI) Meeting on November 13, 2018, and the online survey that was open from November 13, 2018 through December 7, 2018. Over 20 residents attended the meeting, and 58 respondents completed the print and online surveys.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN OVERVIEW

The communications team for the development of the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. / FM 969 Corridor Mobility Plan has been committed to an open, inclusive, and proactive public engagement process that met the goals outlined in the Communications and Community Outreach Plan (CCOP). Implemented in accordance with the City of Austin's Public Participation Principles, the CCOP provides guidance on how the Corridor Program Office engages the community during the different phases of the project. It identifies goals and objectives as well as the proposed tools, resources, and timeline to be used in informing the public and obtaining stakeholder input during the development of the plan.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goal of the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. / FM 969 Corridor Mobility Plan is to enhance mobility, safety, and connectivity for everyone – whether you drive, walk, bike or take transit. The plan will incorporate the following elements:

- Recommendations for short- and long-term improvements for the corridor that address all modes of transportation, including vehicles, transit, bicycles, and pedestrians.
- Conceptual-level cost estimates for construction or implementation of the recommended improvements.
- An implementation schedule based on a prioritization methodology that will be determined in conjunction with City staff.
- Health Impact Assessment recommendations that provide practical, specific strategies in conjunction with the Corridor Mobility Plan that maximize positive health impact.

PURPOSE AND PLANNED PROCESS

To support the development of the plan, the communications team implemented a community outreach process that informed stakeholders within and around the study area and provided them with opportunities to document their comments and desired improvements for the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. / FM 969 corridor.

To achieve the community outreach goals for the first phase of the project, the communications team:

- Provided several opportunities for public participation and comments. Opportunities included an online and paper survey, comment submission forms, and a public open house meeting. The public event was hosted at a convenient time and location to help ease access and participation for residents.
- Connected with hard-to-reach stakeholders to help inform and engage their personal networks. To effectively reach Spanish-speaking residents, all materials and communication efforts used to promote the public meeting were translated into Spanish and used by outreach team members in a mailing to businesses and residents adjacent to the corridor. Invitations to participate were also made to stakeholder groups by phone and email encouraging them to share copies of materials with their networks. Additional outreach efforts translated social media posts on Facebook and Twitter to Spanish, promoting links to meetings and the online survey.

PARTICIPANTS

An essential element in achieving the CCOP goals was identifying key stakeholders from diverse backgrounds. The communications team worked with the Corridor Program Office staff to build an outreach database that included the following stakeholder groups:

- **Existing stakeholders** – Neighborhood, civic, professional, religious, school, and community organizations currently using the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. / FM 969 corridor and connecting adjacent facilities for recreational, work, school, and living purposes.
- **Under-represented Stakeholders** – Arts and cultural groups, minority populations, homeless or physically impaired advocates, and other community-based and multicultural organizations.
- **Influencers and leaders** – Elected officials, business and civic leaders for ongoing communication, updates, and surveys.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT APPROACH AND VALUES

Inclusive and Diverse: The communications team has encouraged participation from people with a variety of demographic, socioeconomic, education, and other identifying characteristics among the historically underserved and underrepresented communities along the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. / FM 969 corridor. The community outreach process recognizes that individuals and groups bring varied experiences and challenges to participation, such as conflicts in schedule. Therefore, the communications team selected a familiar and accessible public meeting location within the neighborhood to encourage participation. The team's efforts to accommodate the needs of diverse stakeholders included the translation of postcards and flyers, invitations, surveys, and other materials into Spanish. Spanish-language interpretation service was also provided at the public open house.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROCESS

POSTCARD DELIVERY

Over 6,700 postcards were designed, printed and delivered via Every Door Direct Mail during the week of October 31, 2018 to addresses and neighborhoods on or adjacent to Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. / FM 969. These 6.5" x 9" postcards provided recipients with details on the project, the time and location of the 2nd Public Involvement meeting, and links to the website to access the online survey, in both English and Spanish.

Description	Quantity
Postcard Mailings	6,735
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 371 Business Addresses • 6,364 Residential Addresses 	

DIGITAL AND SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH

The communications team worked with the Corridor Program Office to draft social media posts in English and Spanish along with calendar and event listings for over 16 Nextdoor communities adjacent to the study area.

Description	Potential Account Followers
Facebook Post	4,350
Nextdoor Postings	11,530

SURVEY IMPLEMENTATION

The print and digital survey was a principal tool used to gather public comments and concerns regarding the proposed improvements to the corridor. Print copies were made available during the public meeting. The survey was shared electronically through Austin Transportation's social media platforms and related project email lists. The City received 58 completed surveys total. The survey was available in both English and Spanish

Description	Completions
Print and Online Project Survey	58

CORRIDOR OUTREACH

Early in the process, the communications team developed a stakeholder list that included contacts from neighborhood associations, organizations, faith-based groups, transportation and mobility advocates, businesses and university contacts. Email communications were sent promoting the public open house and online survey. In addition, the communications team called and emailed neighborhood and community groups after the November 13 Public Meeting to encourage review of the online materials and completion of the survey.

A promotional flyer for the November 13 Public Meeting was created and shared during the October 9, 2019 Public Meeting for the East Martin Luther King Jr./ FM 969 Corridor Construction Program. News media coverage of the November 13 Public Involvement Meeting elevated awareness of the project to tens of thousands of viewers and Austin residents.

Description	Stakeholders
Corridor Outreach – Email Correspondence	472
Corridor Outreach – Phone calls and Email Correspondence (See list in appendix)	60+

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING AT CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY

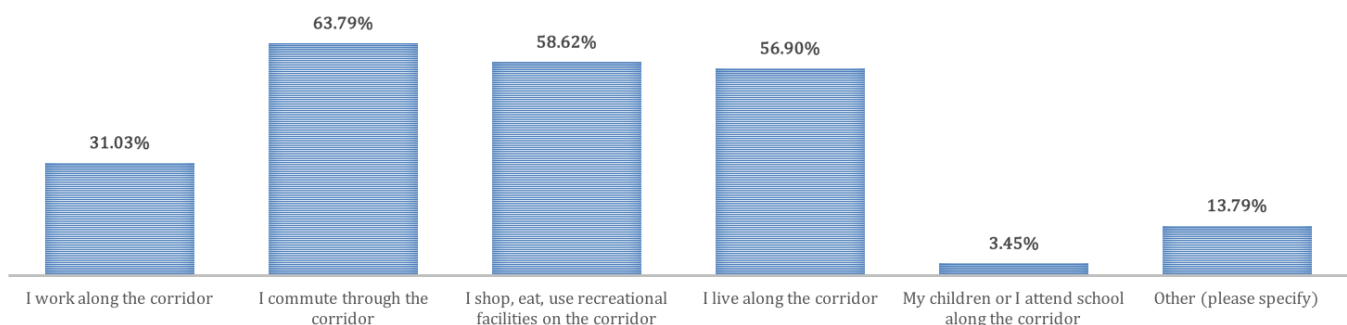
The second Public Involvement Meeting was hosted at Campbell Elementary on November 13, 2018. Attended by over 20 residents including Council Member Ora Houston's staff, the event provided exhibits on the Corridor Mobility Program, existing conditions on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. / FM 969, a summary of public input received from the 1st Public Information Meeting and surveys, and recommendations for the corridor by sections. A detailed illustration of the proposed recommendations was also provided in large-scale roll plot images of the study area for participants to write comments on. A separate computer station encouraged attendees to complete a survey in English or Spanish or submit comments in writing. Spanish-language assistance was available.

Description	Number of Residents Who Signed in at Meeting
Public Open House	20+

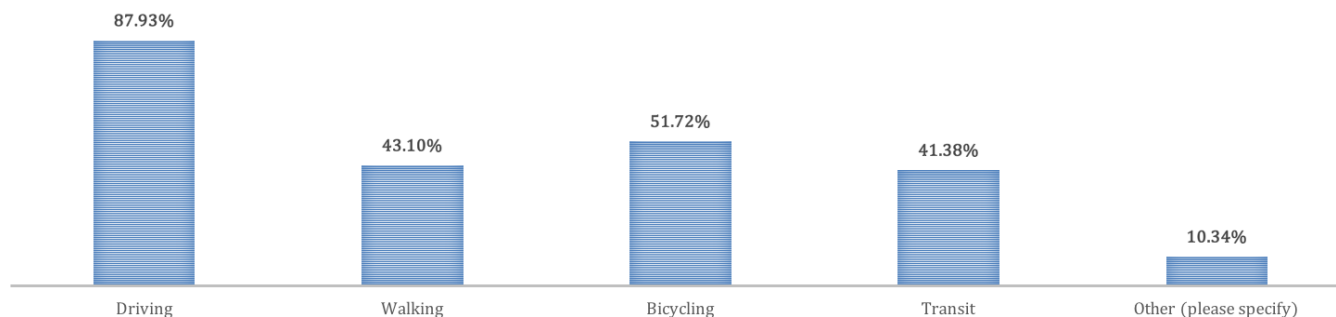
PUBLIC INPUT

Residents who participated in the print and online survey were asked questions regarding their travel behavior on the roadway, and for their input on well the recommended improvements addressed concerns regarding driving, walking, bicycling, transit, and safety on the corridor. Summary findings from the survey are provided below referencing the top three responses for each question. **A complete report with comments is provided at the end of this document.**

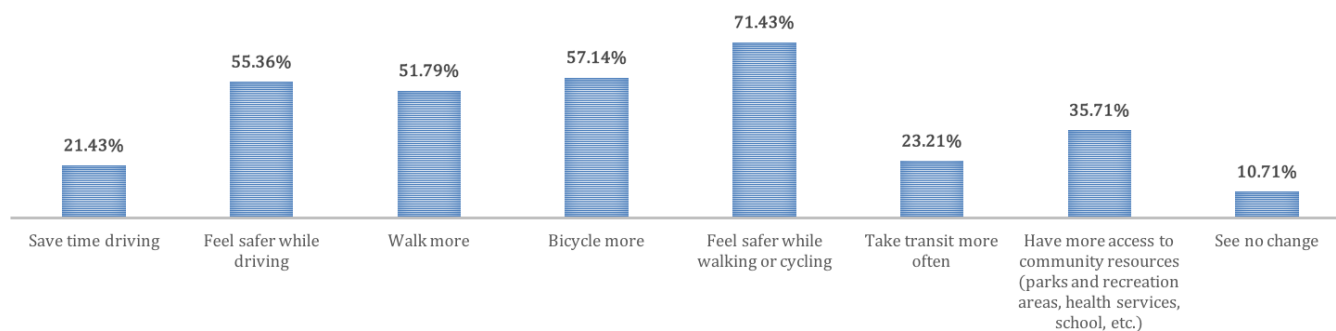
How do you use the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969?



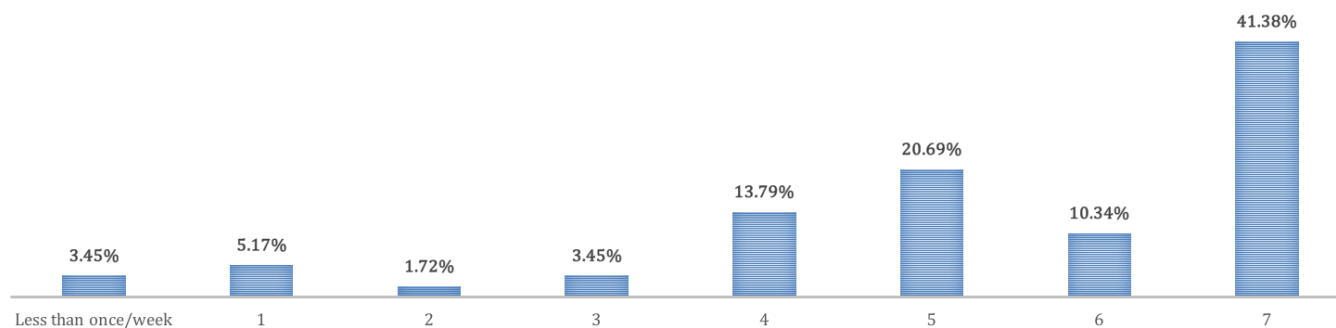
What mode of transportation do you use along Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969?



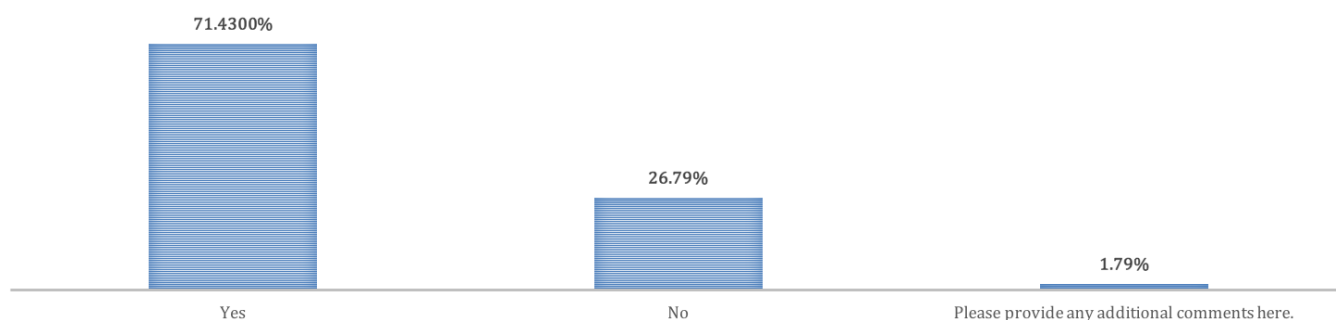
With the proposed improvements, do you think you would:



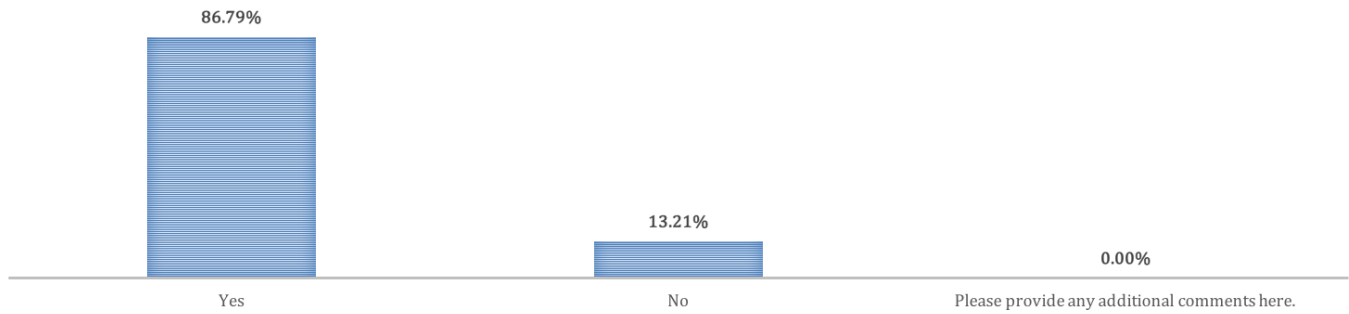
How many days per week do you travel along Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969?



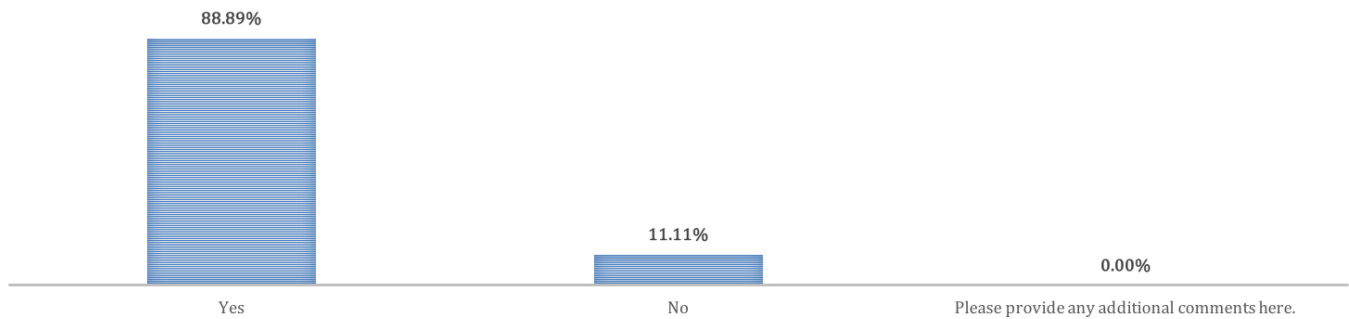
After reviewing the proposed improvements, did we get it right in our recommendations for driving?



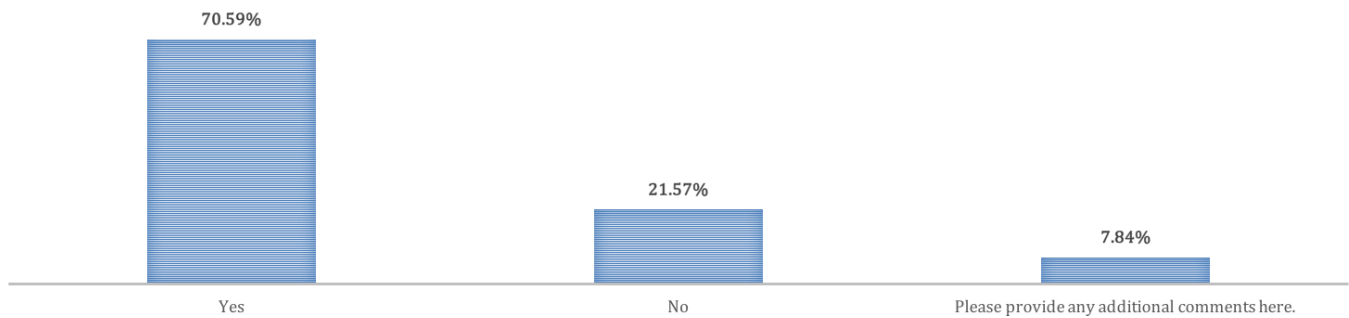
After reviewing the proposed improvements, did we get it right in our recommendations for walking?



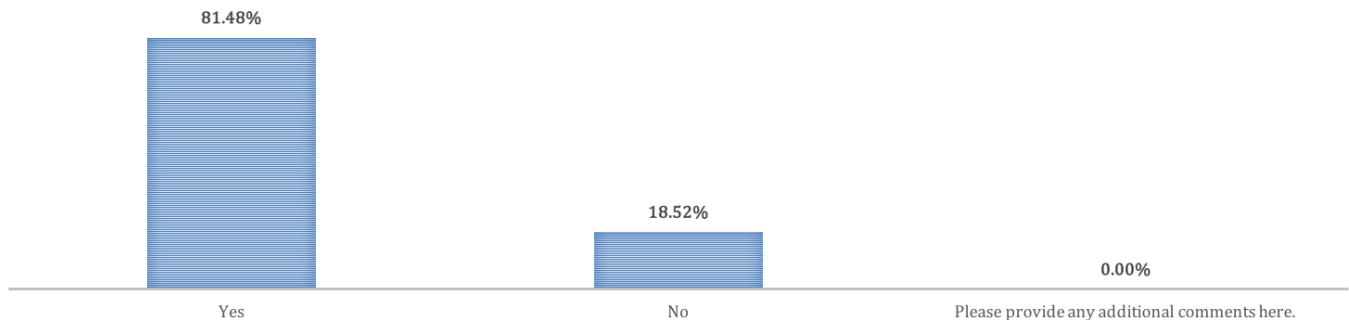
After reviewing the proposed improvements, did we get it right in our recommendations for bicycling?



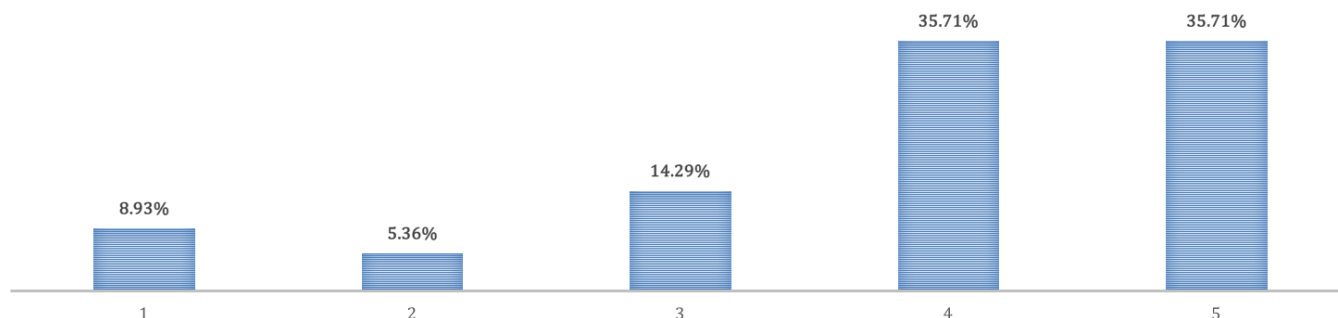
After reviewing the proposed improvements, did we get it right in our recommendations for transit?



After reviewing the proposed improvements, did we get it right in our recommendations for safety?



Do you support the recommended improvements? (1 lowest, 5 highest)



Zip Codes

78721	12
78702	11
78723	10
78722	8
78724	4
78725	3
78701	2
78703	1
78705	1
78746	1
78748	1
78754	1
78758	1

ROLL PLOT COMMENTS RECEIVED

Large-scale roll plot images of the study area were displayed at the public meeting on November 13. Attendees were encouraged to write comments on the roll plot itself or on sticky notes correlating to points on the map. The open-ended comments provided below have been categorized to reflect the sections of the roadway being studied.

Character Zone 1 (Lamar Blvd. to Pearl St.) Roll Plot Comments		
Comment	Location	
1	Existing sidewalk narrow, need more room for bikes.	Lamar and W MLK
2	More pedestrian crossings along intersection of Rio Grande and MLK	MLK between Guadalupe and Congress
3	Love the addition of WB left turn lane into SB Rio Grande	MLK and Rio Grande
4	2 Lanes on Rio Grande is plenty for current traffic counts	MLK and Rio Grande
5	Yes to better biking on MLK downtown and shared use.	MLK and Guadalupe
6	Movable curb for cyclists	MLK at Lavaca
7	Don't allow left turns from University Ave onto MLK	MLK at University Avenue
8	Concern is that "Brick" pavers will fail and create a very rough pavement	MLK at Congress Avenue

9	Think pavers installed correctly will work great - they will calm traffic in his pedestrian zone! And look good.	MLK at Congress Avenue
10	Ditch the extremely wide lanes on Brazos.	Brazos at MLK
11	Add an inside bicycle lane to prevent cyclists from being inside a blind spot of 2 right turn lanes.	Trinity Street at MLK
12	Too many lanes, make Red River intersection more pedestrian - scale	Red River at MLK
13	5 lanes for cars but the bicyclists have to go 20 yards out of their way?	Red River at MLK
14	6 lanes is antithetical to Vision Zero	MLK over IH-35

Character Zone 2 (IH-35 to Airport) Roll Plot Comments		
Comment		Location
1	Are 6 lanes necessary? Southbound left turning lane very necessary.	MLK over IH-35
2	Request for protected bike lanes across IH-35.	MLK over IH-35
3	Separated bike paths or cycle tracks would be preferred.	MLK at IH-35
4	Potential future queue jump for transit!	MLK at IH-35
5	Yes to shared use path!	MLK at IH-35
6	More dedicated bike lanes w (?) from the road are needed!	MLK at Disch-Falk Field
7	Lower speed to 30 mph between I-35 and Airport Blvd.	MLK at Comal
8	Please make narrower lanes. 11' is too wide.	MLK at Comal
9	Chicon/MLK bicycle detection not working.	MLK at Comal
10	More medians.	MLK at Leona
11	Need dedicated bike facilities. Do we really need 2 eastbound lanes? Can we use the space for bikes?	MLK at Leona
12	Request to use extra street space for bike lanes.	MLK at Salina
13	Like the idea of turn lane	MLK at Poquito
14	Too many driveways at this intersection on MLK. Change main entrances to Chicon.	MLK at Chicon
15	Future clinic.	Salinas
16	When we get down to 1 lane + 1 turn lane going E on MLK at light of Chicon, traffic will back up to almost Comal. That will fail.	MLK at Chicon
17	Since traffic will be increased at 5 o'clock, lights need to allow more time to let traffic empty. Backup now is to Leona.	MLK at Chicon
18	Yes to configuration change!	MLK at Chicon
19	Turn lane.	MLK at Ferdinand
20	Shorter median painted	MLK at Coleto
21	More median islands	MLK at Singleton
22	Yes to trees and medians	MLK at Ulit
23	Dangerous intersection, bad sight lines & hill makes it hard to see	MLK at Ulit

24	Request for signal at PHB	MLK at Miriam
25	Draw out bike lane	Alexander Ave
26	How will this design dovetail with the Boggy Creek Trail that currently terminates at MLK Station but is planned to continue north on Alexander or RR Row?	MLK at RR
27	Request for bicycle connecting to Alexander	Alexander Ave
28	Love the raised median. Please include landscape	MLK at Clifford
29	Bus stop here.	MLK at Clifford
30	Love, love the lane configuration - 3 way!	MLK at Clifford
31	Pull in lane at the bus stops please.	MLK at Sanchez
32	Very pleased with lane reduction.	MLK at Sanchez
33	Yes for moving curbs in for nicer SUPS behind curb	MLK at Sanchez
34	Refuse island?	MLK at Harvey
35	Not a good bus stop because of hill and no crossing lines (reco keep current stop at Clifford eastbound)	MLK at Harvey
36	Look at Bertman has 3-way. Has (?) at for turn lanes. Look for ways to include more medians!	MLK at Sanchez
37	Camem has pull out lanes. Can we include that?	MLK at Harvey
38	Ensure all sidewalks are ADA compliant - entire corridor	MLK at Harvey
39	Key to get ppl to use bike facilities! Mush safer than SUP	
40	Way too many driveways for bikers to cross!	
41	As a biker, would prefer to ride on the street than share the sidewalk	
42	Please add trees on sidewalks	

Character Zone 3 (Airport to Springdale) Roll Plot Comments		
Comment		Location
1	Driveway	MLK at Airport
2	Sell huge corner clips for development	MLK at Airport
3	Had location for bus stop, move south.	MLK at Airport
4	Turn bay length. Require to handle WB-NB RT volume	MLK at Airport
5	Love seeing the driveway modifications. There is an excess	MLK at Airport
6	Ways to include dockless bikes/scooters, should (?) space to park these items	MLK at Tillery
7	Great idea	MLK at Tillery
8	Support for this trail segment and signal	MLK at Tillery
9	One way	Palo Pinto at MLK
10	Connect this trail across MLK	Palo Pinto at MLK
11	East link to extend posting trail?	Pershing Drive
12	Would ride bikes more often if it was safer	Loreto at MLK

13	Can we continue the 12' trail?	MLK at Pershing
14	The more room for bikes the better	MLK at Pershing
15	Airport to 183 needs raised bike lanes with better drivers drive down fast	MLK at Pershing
16	Current bike ride avoids current E. MLK because its not safe or walkable. Dedicate bike lane is perfect and a must.	MLK at Pershing
17	Visibility issues due vertical curve of road	MLK at E M Franklin
18	Awesome idea about the raised/dedicated bike lane	MLK at E M Franklin
19	Extend to EM Franklin	MLK at E M Franklin
20	Extend to EM Franklin - Agree	MLK at E M Franklin
21	Extend to EM Franklin - Agree x2	MLK at E M Franklin
22	Yes to this. Please continue to EM Franklin	MLK at E M Franklin
23	Love the raised bike lanes	MLK at E M Franklin
24	New improvement which might not allow a 12' trail, but it's a great idea to investigate	MLK at E M Franklin
25	Support for this trail segment	MLK at Perez
26	Double yes to trail on north	MLK at Perez
27	Double yes to trail on north - plus 1	MLK at Perez
28	Huge support of the dedicated extra trail	MLK at Adriane
29	Upgrade golf course fence. Could we move the fence back to ensure the trail can happen and upgrade the fence!	MLK at Victoria
30	30-35 MPH speed limit (by design)	MLK at Victoria
31	Creek goes all the way to 12th St. doesn't allow for bikers to cross	MLK at Temple
32	Too far between bus stops and crossings #19	MLK at Astor
33	Unsafe and uneven sidewalk.	MLK at Astor
34	Slimy - standing water and algae	MLK at Astor
35	Yes!! Make it Lamar to 183	MLK at Overhill
36	Dreamy!	MLK at Overhill
37	I like this	MLK at Overhill
38	Good design for pedestrian safety (Heflin/E MLK)	MLK at Springdale
39	Show existing bike lanes	Springdale
40	How would traffic turn left?	MLK at Heflin
41	Or Access westbound MLK	MLK at Heflin
42	Use update aerials w/rev. bike lanes	MLK at Springdale

Character Scottsdale to 183 Roll Plot Comments

Comment	Location
1 Dangerous blind spot - do whatever it takes to slow westbound MLK traffic coming down hill	MLK at Bundyhill

2	Slip lane at intersection unnecessary and dangerous for bicyclist	MLK at Tannehill
3	Request for improved bicycle connection across 183	MLK at US 183
4	Request for improved bicycle connection across 183 - 1x	MLK at US 183
5	Request for improved bicycle connection across 183 - 2x	MLK at US 183

APPENDIX

Comments received at the 1st Public Involvement Meeting on aerial roll plots have been categorized by corridor objective and are included as an attachment to this document. Comments are organized from the east end to the west end of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. / FM 969 with location information included.

MATERIALS & PROMOTION

POSTCARD



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THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

- Attend a public meeting
- Visit our website
- Take our online survey
- Sign up to receive updates

For more information:
AustinTexas.gov/MLK969
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HAY VARIAS FORMAS DE PARTICIPAR:






In November 2016, Austin voters approved \$720 million for mobility improvements throughout the city. As part of those improvements, the City of Austin is working closely with the community to develop a Corridor Mobility Plan – or preliminary engineering report – for Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM969.

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Join us at our upcoming public open house to learn about recommended improvements to MLK Jr. Blvd./FM 969, which aim to enhance mobility, safety, and connectivity for all modes of transportation. We invite you to provide your input on preliminary mobility recommendations, fill out a brief survey, and speak with members of the project team.

NOVEMBER 13
5:30 to 7:30 P.M.
CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2613 ROGERS AVENUE 78722

Can't make it in person? Visit AustinTexas.gov/MLK969 to learn more and fill out a brief survey.



Para más información, llame a Austin 3-1-1

LEARN ABOUT RECOMMENDED MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR MLK JR. BLVD./FM 969

APRENDA ACERCA DE LAS MEJORAS EN MOVILIDAD RECOMENDADAS PARA MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD./FM 969

En noviembre del 2016, los votantes de Austin aprobaron \$720 millones para las mejoras de movilidad a lo largo de la ciudad. Como parte de estas mejoras, la Ciudad de Austin está trabajando junto a la comunidad para desarrollar un Plan de Movilidad – o informe preliminar de ingeniería – para el Corredor de Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969.



REUNIÓN PÚBLICA

Acompáñenos en la próxima reunión pública acerca de las mejoras recomendadas para Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM969. Sus sugerencias nos ayudarán a mejorar la movilidad, seguridad y conectividad para todos los modos de transporte. Le invitamos a compartir sus opiniones sobre las posibles mejoras llenando una pequeña encuesta y hablando con el equipo del proyecto.

13 de NOVIEMBRE
de 5:30 A 7:30 P.M.
CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
2613 ROGERS AVENUE 78722

¿No puede llegar en persona? Visite AustinTexas.gov/MLK969 para conocer más o completar una pequeña encuesta.

SURVEY

Plan de Movilidad de Transporte Para el Corredor de Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969

Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969



La Ciudad de Austin está creando el Plan de Movilidad para el Corredor de Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969, financiado por el Bono de Movilidad 2016. El Plan –o informe preliminar de ingeniería– de Movilidad del Corredor es un informe con las sugerencias para mejorar la seguridad, movilidad y conectividad. Los límites del Plan de Movilidad para el Corredor de Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969 empiezan en North Lamar Boulevard y se dirigen hacia el sur a la US 183.

Usted puede revisar las recomendaciones que se han hecho y darnos sus comentarios antes que el Plan de Movilidad para el Corredor sea completado. Las mejoras identificadas en el plan pueden ser financiadas para su diseño y construcción con fuentes de fondos que se hagan disponibles en el futuro.

1. ¿Cómo utiliza usted Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969? (seleccione todas las que correspondan)

☐ Trabajo a lo largo de la calle
 ☐ Vivo a lo largo de la calle
 ☐ Viajo a través de la calle
 ☐ Mis hijos o yo estamos estudiando a lo largo de la calle
 ☐ Visito centros comerciales, restaurantes, o centros recreativos a lo largo de la calle
 ☐ Otro (por favor especifique)

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Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969 Corridor Mobility Plan

Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969 Road Community Survey

The City of Austin is creating a Corridor Mobility Plan for the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969 corridor, funded by the 2016 Mobility Bond. A Corridor Mobility Plan is a preliminary engineering report with recommendations to improve safety, mobility, and connectivity. The limits of the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969 Corridor Mobility Plan are between North Lamar Boulevard and US 183.

You can view recommended improvements here and give us your input about them before the Corridor Mobility Plan is finalized. Improvements identified in the plan may be funded for design and construction as future funding sources become available. To learn more about the Corridor Mobility Plan and improvement recommendations for E MLK/FM 969, [click here](#).

1. How do you use Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969? (select all that apply)

☐ I work along the corridor
 ☐ I live along the corridor
 ☐ I commute through the corridor
 ☐ My children or I attend school along the corridor
 ☐ I shop, eat, use recreational facilities on the corridor
 ☐ Other (please specify)

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FLYER

MLK. JR. BLVD. / FM 969 CORRIDOR MOBILITY PLAN

JOIN US AT THE PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE!

NOVEMBER 2018 | SIGN UP TO RECEIVE DETAILS



LEARN ABOUT THE RECOMMENDED SAFETY AND MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

These include:

- Intersection Improvements,
- Sidewalks and Curb Ramps,
- Bicycle Facilities and Transit-Supportive Improvements.

Your feedback is critical to finalizing the Plan's development.

COME SHARE YOUR INPUT!

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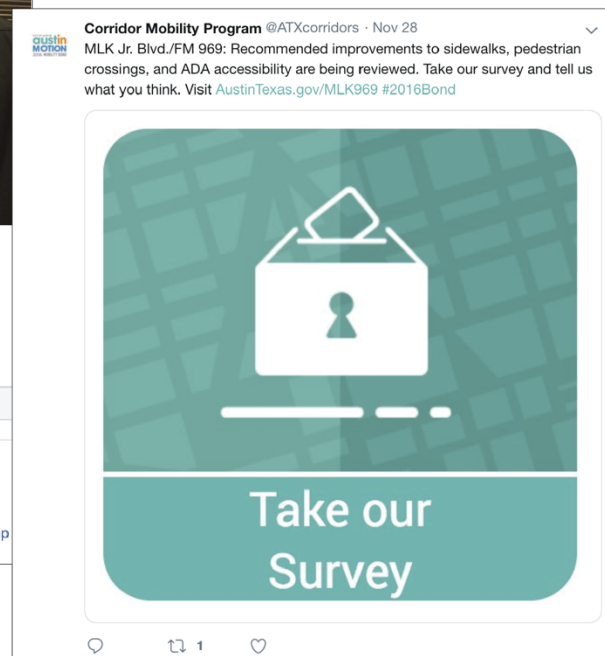
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Changes proposed to MLK Jr. Blvd. to improve safety and ease traffic

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IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED FOR MLK JR. BLVD.
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Austin's Corridor Mobility Program Office unveiled a plan Tuesday night that would change Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd between North Lamar Blvd. and U.S. 183



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SURVEY FOR EAST MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BOULEVARD/FM 969 CLOSES DECEMBER 4

Communications & Public Information Office from City of Austin · 30 Nov

On November 13, 2018, the City hosted a public open house at Campbell Elementary School to share proposed improvement recommendations for East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard/FM 969 (between North Lamar Boulevard and US 183). At the meeting, community members viewed proposed improvements and gave feedback on the recommendations.

If you missed this meeting, you still have the opportunity to view the recommended improvements and give your feedback. Take our survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLKCorridor before it closes on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

The November open house and the online survey are part of the second round of public engagement for the East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard/FM 969 Corridor Mobility Plan. A Corridor Mobility Plan is a preliminary engineering report, which contains recommendations to improve safety, mobility, and connectivity along a roadway. Community input is a critical component to recommendation development, and earlier this year, the City of Austin hosted its first round of public engagement for the East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard/FM 969 Corridor Mobility Plan. After hearing from the public during the first round of input and incorporating their feedback into the Corridor Mobility Plan study, the City returned to the community for the second and final round of engagement, which is occurring now.

To learn more about the East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard/FM 969 Corridor Mobility Plan and the City of Austin Corridor Mobility Program, visit www.austintexas.gov/corridormobility. If you have questions about the East Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard/FM 969 Corridor Mobility Plan, contact Mandy McClendon at Corridors@AustinTexas.gov or 512-974-7899.



30 Nov · Subscribers of City of Austin in 16 neighborhoods in General

THANK

REPLY



JOIN US: MLK JR. BLVD./FM 969 CORRIDOR MOBILITY PLAN – PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Communications & Public Information Office from City of Austin · 1 Nov

The City of Austin is developing a Corridor Mobility Plan for MLK Jr. Blvd./FM 969 between North Lamar Blvd. and US 183 to improve mobility, safety, and connectivity along the roadway. Join us at our upcoming open house to learn about recommended improvements, to fill out a brief survey, and to speak with members of the project team in English or in Spanish.

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 13

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (stop by anytime!)

Location: Campbell Elementary School (2613 Rogers Ave.)

The purpose of the preliminary recommendations is to improve mobility, safety, and connectivity for all modes of transportation — whether you drive, walk, bike or take transit. At the open house, we will seek your feedback to help finalize the recommendations, which will be published in a Corridor Mobility Plan for Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969.

No formal presentation is planned, and you are welcome to come and go at your convenience. Project team members will be on-hand to meet you and answer questions. Display boards, handouts, and other meeting materials will be posted online the day of the meeting at AustinTexas.gov/MLK969 for anyone who may not be able to attend in person.

Recommended improvements may be funded for full design and construction as future funding sources become available.

Development of this Plan is funded through the City of Austin's 2016 Mobility Bond. Spanish interpretation services will be available. Learn more at AustinTexas.gov/MLK969

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NOVEMBER 13 PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE MEETING SIGN IN SHEET

First Name	Last Name	Zip Code	Learned of meeting	Learned of meeting 2
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Drew	Schutz	78702	Email	
Nancy	Scott	78721	Org./Assoc.	
Tamar	Solomon	78705	Postcard	
Frank	Cheff	78702	Facebook	Nextdoor
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CORRIDOR PHONE CALL AND EMAIL OUTREACH -STAKEHOLDER LIST SAMPLING

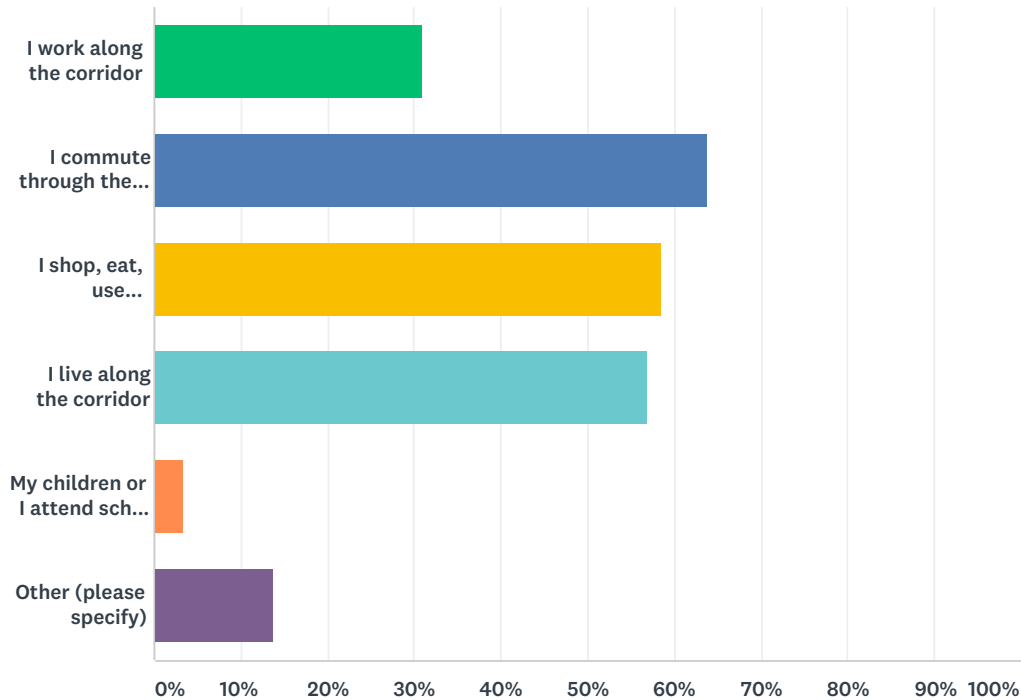
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 African-American Cultural & Heritage Facility
 Austin Can Academy
 Austin Community College - Eastview Campus
 Austin Public Access
 Austin Public Library, George Washington Carver Branch
 Bennu Coffee
 Black Girls Do Bike
 Blackland Neighborhood Center
 Blackshear Elementary School
 Blackshear Prospects Hills Neighborhood Association
 Boys & Girls Club of Austin - Chalmers Court
 Boys & Girls Club of Austin - East Austin Club
 Cherrywood Neighborhood Association
 Church of God in Christ #1
 Corinth Baptist Church
 Creative Action
 David Chapel Baptist Church
 Diverse Arts Culture Works
 Doris Miller Recreation Center
 East Austin Cultural Heritage District
 East Cesar Chavez Business District
 East End IBIZ District
 Eastside Community Church
 French Legation Museum
 George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center
 Gonzalo Garza Independence High School
 Greystar Properties - Elan East Apartments
 Greystar Properties - Platform Apartments
 Guadalupe Association for an Improved Neighborhood
 HACA's Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program
 Hermanos de East Austin
 Hillside Pharmacy
 Huston-Tillotson University

Interfaith Action of Central Texas
 Jehovahs Witnesses Rosewood Church
 Kealing Middle School
 Kealing Neighborhood Association
 M Station Apartments (Foundation Communities)
 Maplewood Elementary School
 Millenium Youth Entertainment Complex
 Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
 Mt. Zion Baptist Church
 Oak Springs Elementary School
 Oakwood Cemetery
 OCEAN (Organization of Central East Austin Neighborhoods)
 Olivet Baptist Church
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
 People Fund
 PODER
 Rhapsody
 Robertson Hill Neighborhood Association
 Rosewood Glen Oaks Neighborhood Association
 Schieffer/Willowbrook Neighborhood Association
 Simpson United Methodist Church
 Six Square: African American Cultural Heritage District
 St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church
 St. Paul Primitive Baptist Church
 Sustainable Food Center
 Texas Music Museum
 Texas State Cemetery
 Unity Friendship Baptist Church
 Unity Hill Missionary Baptist Church
 Urban Co-Lab
 Wesley United Methodist Church
 Yellow Bike Project
 Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church

SURVEY RESPONSES

Q1 How do you use Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969? (select all that apply)

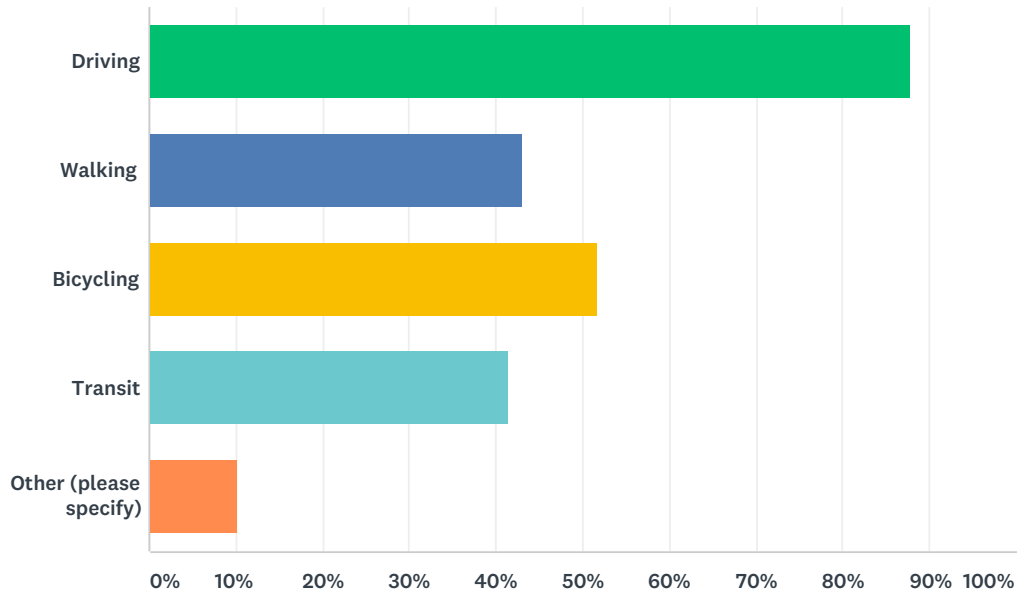
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I work along the corridor	31.03%	18
I commute through the corridor	63.79%	37
I shop, eat, use recreational facilities on the corridor	58.62%	34
I live along the corridor	56.90%	33
My children or I attend school along the corridor	3.45%	2
Other (please specify)	13.79%	8
Total Respondents: 58		

Q2 What mode of transportation do you use along Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969? (select all that apply)

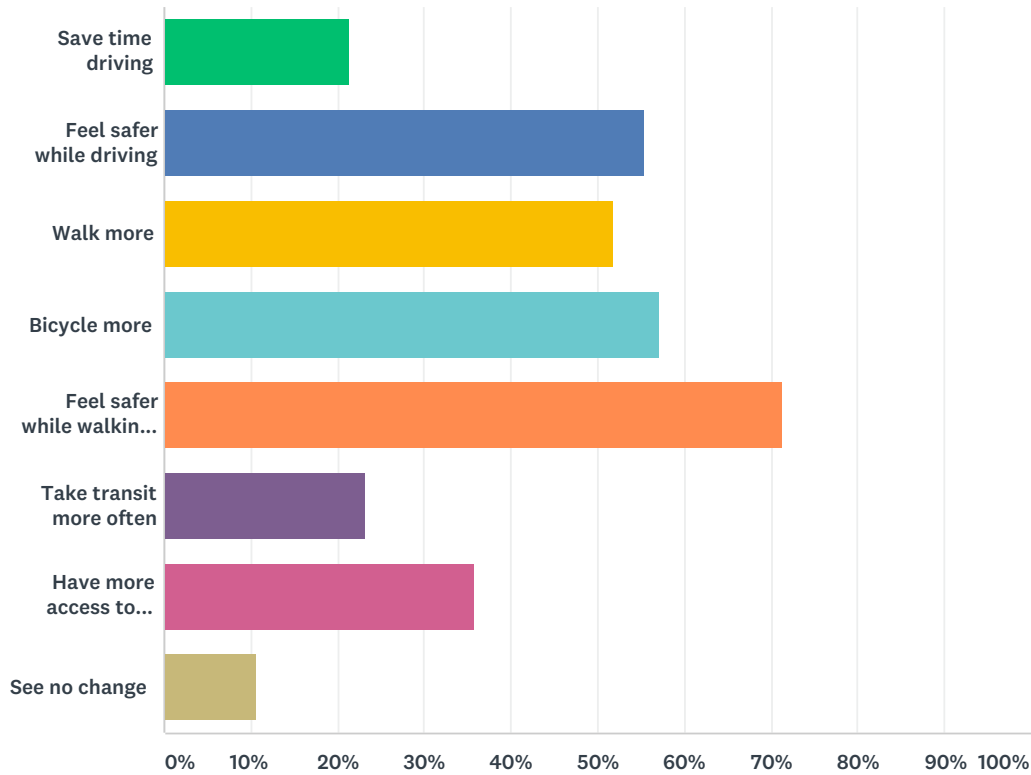
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Driving	87.93%	51
Walking	43.10%	25
Bicycling	51.72%	30
Transit	41.38%	24
Other (please specify)	10.34%	6
Total Respondents: 58		

Q3 With the proposed improvements, do you think you would: (select all that apply)

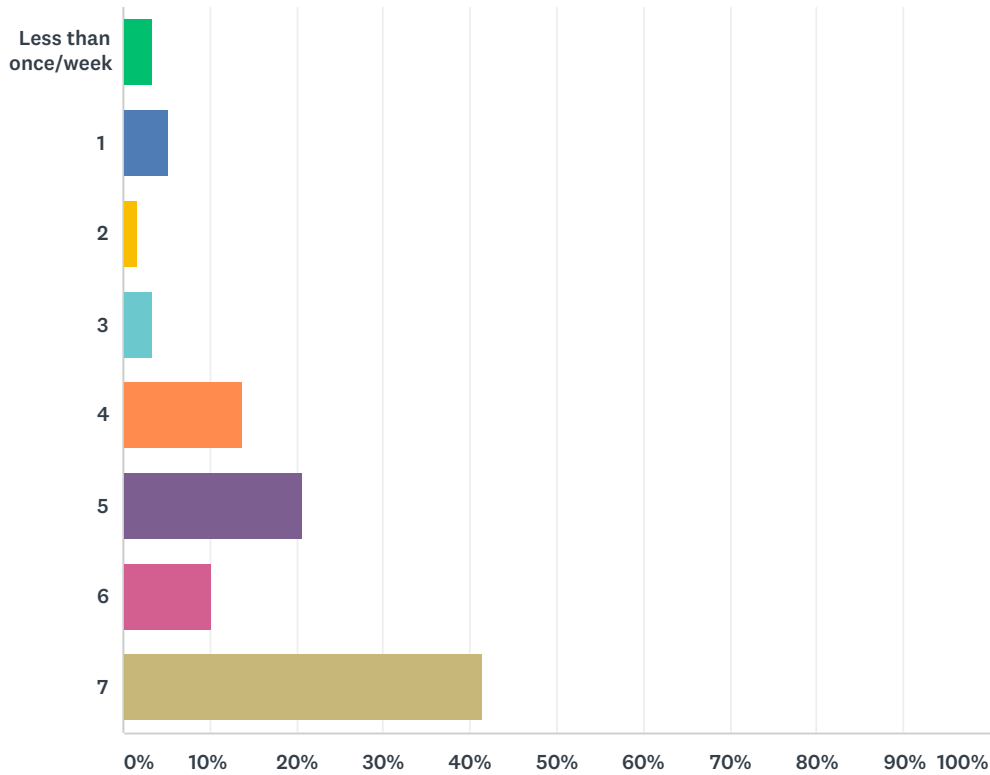
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Save time driving	21.43%	12
Feel safer while driving	55.36%	31
Walk more	51.79%	29
Bicycle more	57.14%	32
Feel safer while walking or cycling	71.43%	40
Take transit more often	23.21%	13
Have more access to community resources (parks and recreation areas, health services, school, etc.)	35.71%	20
See no change	10.71%	6
Total Respondents: 56		

Q4 How many days per week do you travel along Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969?

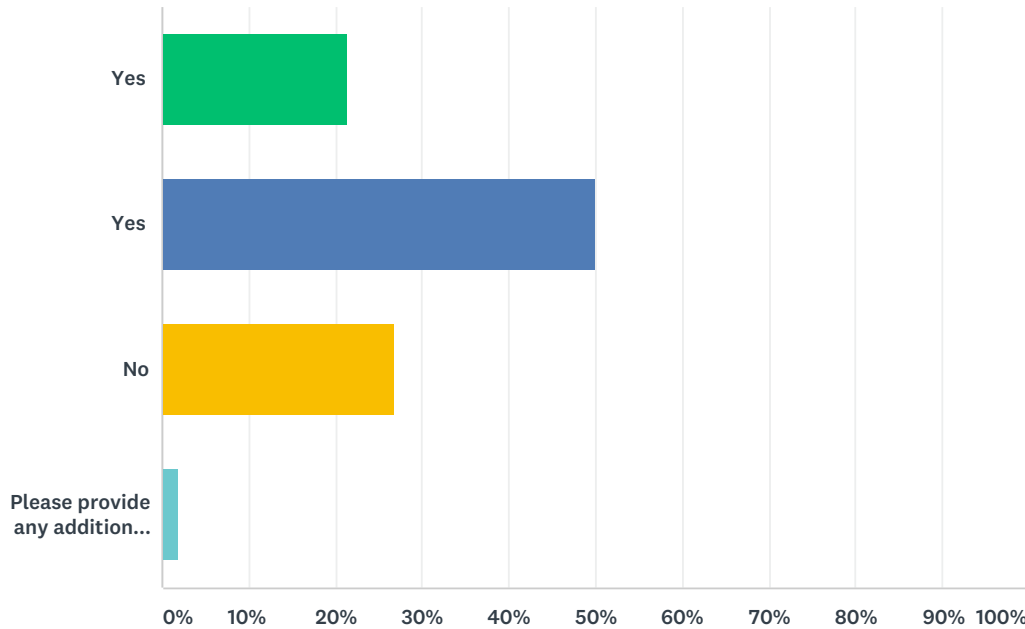
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than once/week	3.45%	2
1	5.17%	3
2	1.72%	1
3	3.45%	2
4	13.79%	8
5	20.69%	12
6	10.34%	6
7	41.38%	24
TOTAL		58

Q5 After reviewing the recommended improvements, did we get it right in our recommendations for driving?

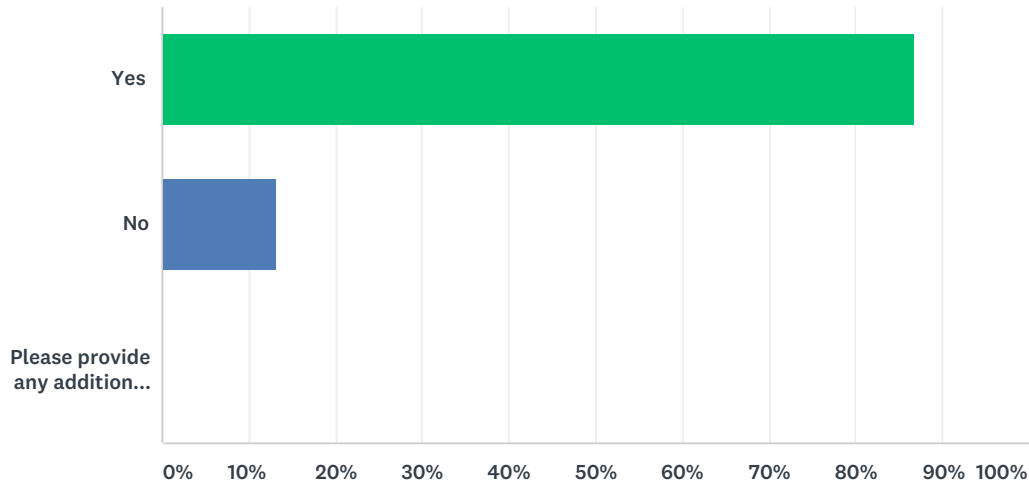
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	21.43%	12
Yes	50.00%	28
No	26.79%	15
Please provide any additional comments here.	1.79%	1
TOTAL		56

Q6 After reviewing the recommended improvements, did we get it right in our recommendations for walking?

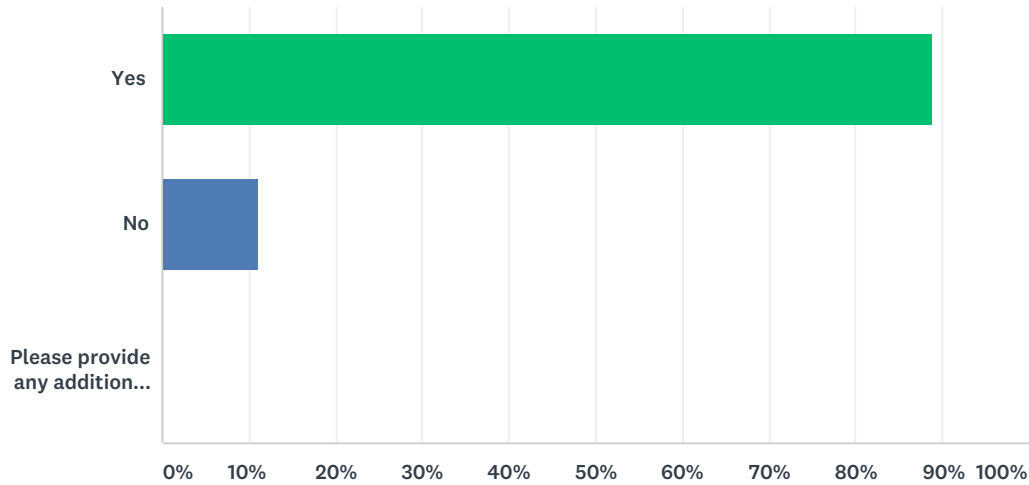
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	86.79%	46
No	13.21%	7
Please provide any additional comments here.	0.00%	0
TOTAL		53

Q7 After reviewing the recommended improvements, did we get it right in our recommendations for bicycles?

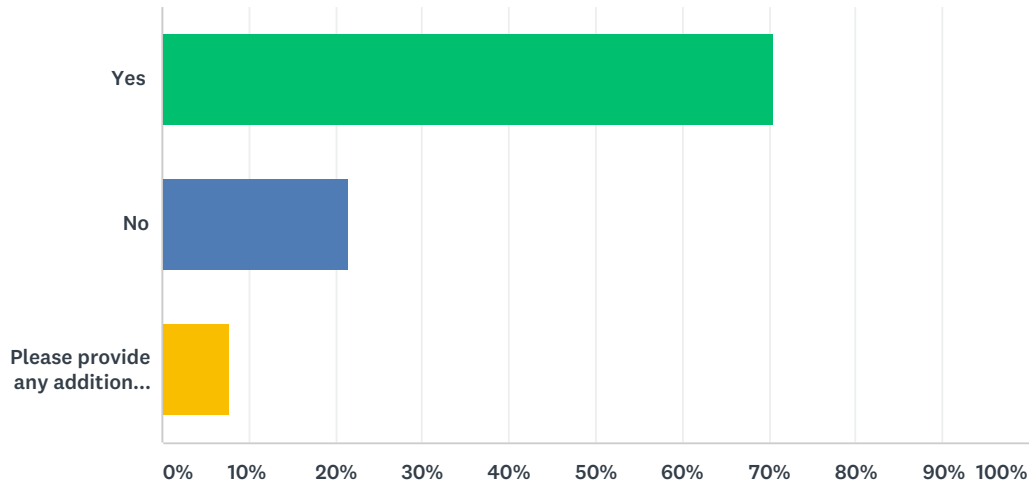
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	88.89%	48
No	11.11%	6
Please provide any additional comments here.	0.00%	0
TOTAL		54

Q8 After reviewing the recommended improvements, did we get it right in our recommendations for transit?

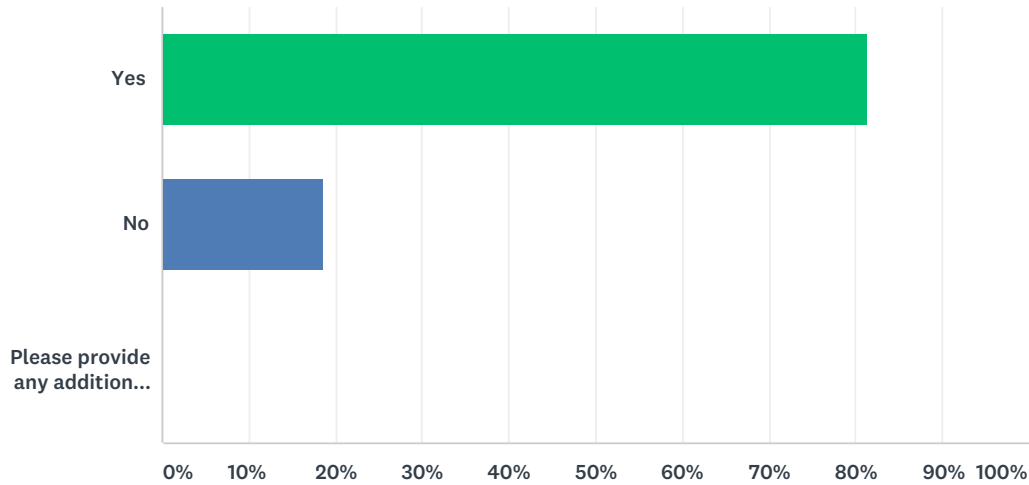
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.59%	36
No	21.57%	11
Please provide any additional comments here.	7.84%	4
TOTAL		51

Q9 After reviewing the recommended improvements, did we get it right in our recommendations for safety?

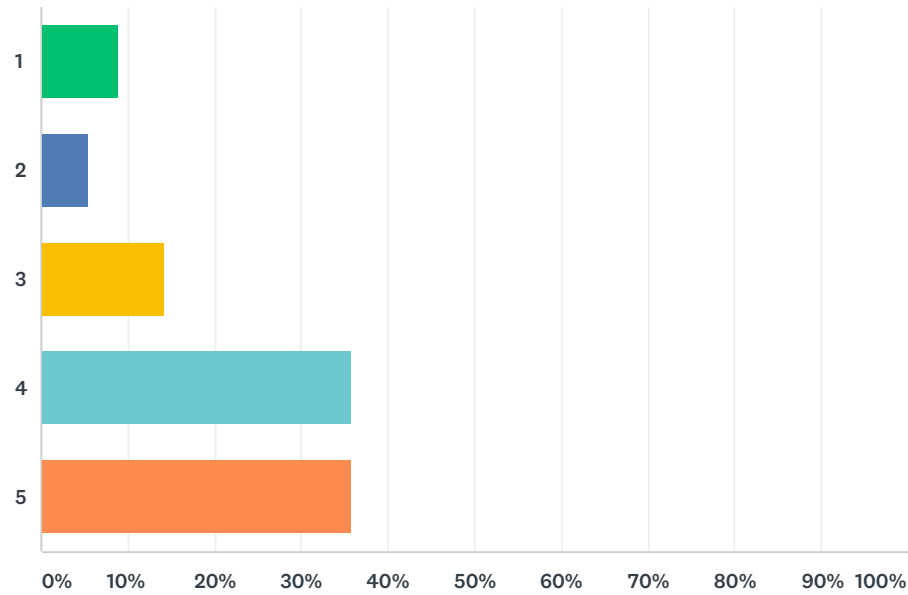
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.48%	44
No	18.52%	10
Please provide any additional comments here.	0.00%	0
TOTAL		54

Q10 Do you support the recommended improvements? (1 lowest, 5 highest)

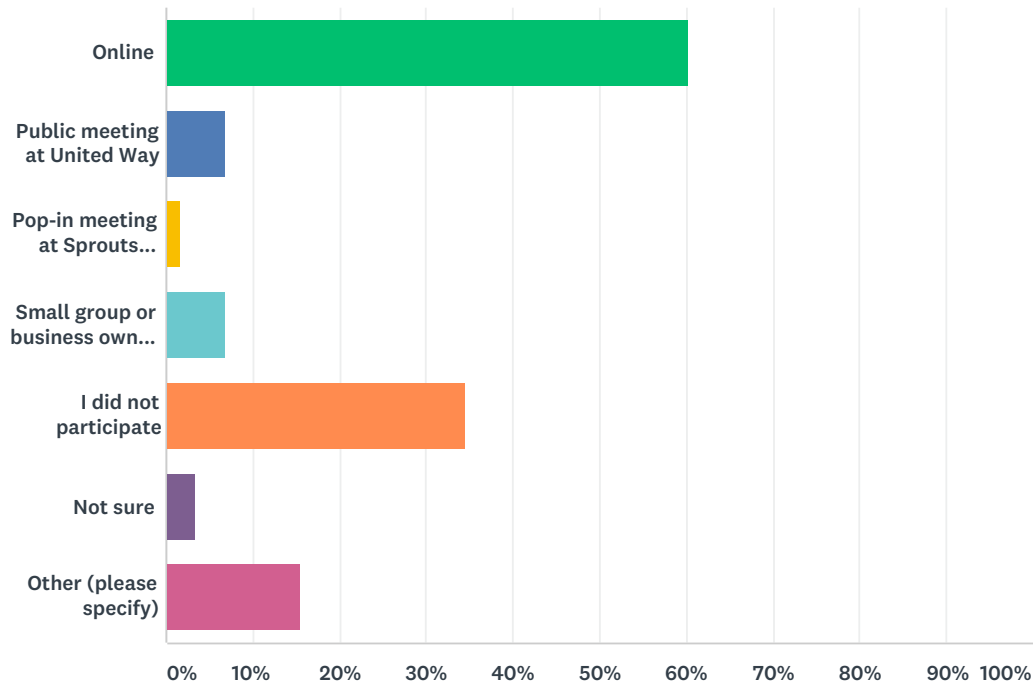
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	8.93%	5
2	5.36%	3
3	14.29%	8
4	35.71%	20
5	35.71%	20
TOTAL		56

Q11 In what ways have you already participated in development of the Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd./FM 969 Corridor Mobility Plan? (select all that apply)

Answered: 58 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Online	60.34%	35
Public meeting at United Way	6.90%	4
Pop-in meeting at Sprouts Farmers Market	1.72%	1
Small group or business owner meeting	6.90%	4
I did not participate	34.48%	20
Not sure	3.45%	2
Other (please specify)	15.52%	9
Total Respondents: 58		

Q12 Do you have additional comments you'd like to share?

Answered: 41 Skipped: 17

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Not at this time	12/7/2018 11:43 AM
2	I live on Bantom Woods Bnd close to the intersection of FM 969. The traffic noise is horrible. Large commercial trucks speed down FM 969 in the early hours of the morning using their engine break which wakes me up every day. Anything we can do to slow traffic on FM 969 (I really like the idea of having divided lanes w/ green spaces in-between and also trees along side the streets) would be beneficial. Also re-routing large commercial trucks from using FM 969 and having them take another route would also help with congestion from people commuting. We need more traffic lights along FM 969 to slow down traffic. So many people speed on that road and as windy as it is it's very dangerous. Biking, as you know, is extremely dangerous on that road and I wouldn't recommend anyone ride their bike on FM 969 in it's current state. It's dangerous enough driving on it in a car. It's also difficult to turn left onto FM 969 from any smaller side street due to the traffic. A light at Park at the Woodlands and FM 969 would be very helpful.	12/4/2018 6:44 PM
3	There are a lot of folks, including myself, who walk for transportation (and/or walk to & from transit stations) It feels very unsafe, especially at night, because of cars going to fast going on MLK from 183 west of Springdale, poor lighting, not enough crosswalks and/or faulty crosswalks. I would like to be able to walk with more ease and safety and less fear! Also, many thanks for the new bus shelters and benches in the area. They make a really big difference in quality of life around here!	12/4/2018 8:56 AM
4	no	12/3/2018 7:55 PM
5	Ok	12/3/2018 7:46 PM
6	Ok	12/3/2018 7:45 PM
7	Dedicated or shared lanes between transit and bicycles is critical for FM 969. This street is currently treated as a highway that disrupts quality of life throughout the area to an immeasurable degree and divides the city for those not driving a personal car. I'm beyond thrilled that these changes will take place but our community needs them to go further so that we can sleep past the traffic noise at night, walk our pets comfortably, access businesses and services on foot and bike, and breathe easily without the fear of pollution. MLK east of I-35 is currently not an urban environment and will never become one without zoning reforms and dedicated transit lanes that make it possible and easier to live without a car. Please push for dedicated right-of-way for Capital Metro and bicycle users the entire length of the corridor between downtown and highway 183. No other solution is good enough.	12/3/2018 2:06 PM
8	no	12/3/2018 4:37 AM
9	I live on the MLK corridor, east of Airport. I generally like the improvements, but I wish even more could have been done to address the difficulty of crossing MLK on street due to the very long blocks and high-speed car traffic. I think that putting a traffic light at Tillery and MLK will be ease some of the chaos for drivers, but at the same time, it will push traffic from Tillery on to Loreto, making that street even less safe for pedestrians and pets. I also couldn't help but notice that the only buildings losing driveways are a house and a few African American-owned businesses on the north side of MLK. But Taco Bell still has an MLK driveway right next to the intersection? I hope that it's an entrance-only driveway. In general, I'm hopeful that the improvements will make bicycling a little less scary, but I think it's more of a mixed bag for walking. Many people walk up and down MLK, and many people need to cross MLK. It's hard.	12/1/2018 11:20 AM
10	The Proposed Improvements don't render in my internet browser, but I have one thing I feel very, very strongly about. There needs to be a walkable trail across Morris Williams golf course from Springdale & MLK to the Mueller development.	11/30/2018 8:48 AM
11	see #11	11/27/2018 8:45 PM
12	This will not help mobility. It will only slow vehicular traffic.	11/27/2018 8:23 PM

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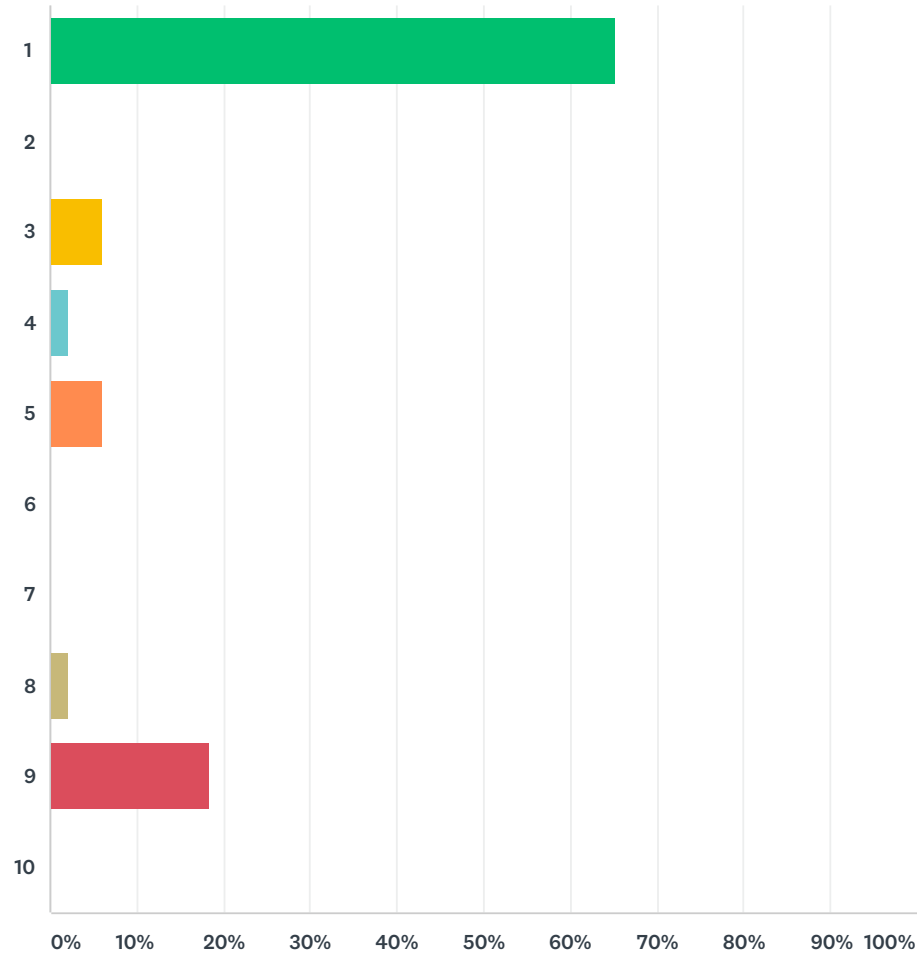
13	I would really like to see protected bike lanes between Airport and I-35. When I say protected I mean physical barriers to keep cyclists safe. People speed through there and a simple bike lane will not suffice. I like the raised bike lanes further east or a concrete curb-like barrier would make a huge difference. Also, I fully support the plan to make MLK one lane between Airport and I-35. It's a fantastic idea, but we will need pull outs for the bus stops. Cars passing buses in the turn lane is not at all safe.	11/27/2018 7:21 PM
14	Designated turn lane (5 lanes across) would be nice. Roundabout at MLK/Springdale/Heflin or some other reworking of the 5-way intersection. Only doing construction over night so we aren't traffic jammed on the way to and from work.	11/26/2018 5:08 PM
15	MLK needs to be two lanes in each direction between I-35 and Airport. I agree that bike lanes are needed, but not at the expense of moving to only one lane in each direction. There's too much traffic on that stretch, especially at rush hour, to accommodate one lane. Have you thought about lanes switching directions at times of day?	11/26/2018 11:54 AM
16	MLK is our main way in and out of our neighborhood. Please be bold and make improvements to it that benefit the people in the neighborhood and increase our mobility options. This should not be a freeway through east Austin. Also, there are NUMEROUS wrecks at the intersection of MLK and Chestnut. This is very dangerous intersection.	11/25/2018 9:04 PM
17	More options for public transport along corridor to help displace growing traffic. Need a metro rail to go from MLK/ 183 to Lamar/ MLK with regular stops throughout city. I work at 45th & Lamar and live at MLK & Springdale. It is not safe for me to bike nor walk this journey. It is inefficient for me to take the bus as well. Almost 2 hours for a 15-20 minute drive by car.	11/24/2018 12:18 PM
18	Extend improvement past Hwy 130, that's where the real need is, not near Hwy 183	11/24/2018 8:04 AM
19	I don't see provisions for the safe entrance and exit from residential streets along 969. A center turn lane is needed.	11/22/2018 9:33 PM
20	We need to calm traffic and prioritize cycling, walking, transit, scooters with a road diet and complete street.	11/21/2018 3:21 AM
21	Not a lot of actual information on sight. Or maybe I couldn't navigate well. I'm sorry that I did not attend a public meeting. I'm much more concerned about the safety along 969 than mlk side. 969 is a breeding ground for accidents and I can totally recognize the challenges that this fm falls under city/county/state jurisdiction.	11/20/2018 9:50 PM
22	Protected pedestrian cross walks please	11/20/2018 8:23 PM
23	Speed limit needs to be reduced to 40 along MLK. Increased speed enforcement from APD. I never see them radaring this area. Tons of drag racers at night going over 100 MPH.	11/20/2018 8:15 PM
24	It's hard to tell how well this will work. The share bicycle/pedestrian sidewalks make me nervous - that is often safe for neither - but probably better than the horrible sporadic sidewalks at present.	11/20/2018 7:19 PM
25	I like that you are basing changes on data driven solutions, I also ask that you look for pedestrian and bicycle safety measures that go beyond "typical" trends and look for measures that provide the best and safest means of providing connectivity for this growing areas of Austin.	11/20/2018 4:46 PM
26	Connecting this corridor to Mueller with bike paths will be ideal.	11/20/2018 4:46 PM
27	no	11/20/2018 4:44 PM
28	What a ridiculous survey when all the options about the proposed changes are in support of them.	11/20/2018 4:35 PM
29	Since this is a 4-lane highway, pedestrian and cycling RTW must be separated from vehicles by a physical barrier, such as a concrete curb or setback from the street.	11/20/2018 4:31 PM
30	None	11/20/2018 2:18 PM
31	These plans do not at all address walking (or transit). The plans are negligent. I know they come from a hard-working and good place, but they're made by people who I don't believe have ever walked any distance along MLK. To increase walking as a form of transport, something has to be done to make the experience more pleasant. Currently, walkers are two feet from fast, loud cars. The new plans make no adjustment to the grass strip/easement to change this. Plant some small trees or something! Do a road diet and add a bike lane. Do something to separate and remember that noise (or its reduction) is a feature of a usable walking environment.	11/20/2018 1:00 PM

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32	Need more medians east of Airport - lots of driveways with full access which leads to lots of dangerous turns. Love the raised bicycle lanes, make cycling much more comfortable to all users. Like idea at Heflin, but need barrier to ensure right only. Unable to tell from schematic if proposed sidewalk east of Airport. Eliminate channelized free flowing rights at MLK/Airport to increase ped/cyclist safety	11/20/2018 11:36 AM
33	Concerned that "brick" pagers at the Blanton Museum may not be durable.	11/14/2018 9:29 AM
34	Need ADA-compliant sidewalk badly	11/14/2018 9:26 AM
35	Generally an improvement for the bike/ped community but some gaps are concerning. Particularly unconvinced about IH-35 crossing! Still too much ROW dedicated to vehicular traffic. 6 lanes across IH-35? Too many!	11/14/2018 9:23 AM
36	This plan is fantastic. It would be dreamy if we could reduce MKL to 3 lanes all the way to 183. More medians between I-35 & Airport. Plant trees.	11/14/2018 9:05 AM
37	I'm a bit nervous about traffic flow with no bus turnouts. There are times when a bus stops for an extended period of time to either load a bike on the front or accept payment. This will quickly frustrate drivers since there is no way around a stopped bus. Maybe we could consider some bus turnouts?	11/13/2018 7:33 PM
38	Would like for the design to be split into two or three segments with the corridor west of Airport Blvd prioritized. Would like to have options for bike/scooter storage (ie, racks) all along the corridor so people will not block sidewalks.	11/13/2018 7:32 PM
39	change the lanes change the lights to empty the traffic & monitor for future djustments and during events especially UT games	11/13/2018 6:33 PM
40	The portion along Morris Williams Golf course is very important to get right. The surrounding communities support the connectivity improvements and any additional beautification efforts e.g. especially the dilapidated fence surrounding the golf course.	11/13/2018 6:15 PM
41	NO	11/13/2018 4:49 PM

Q13 What is your City Council District? (Optional)

Answered: 49 Skipped: 9



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	65.31%	32
2	0.00%	0
3	6.12%	3
4	2.04%	1
5	6.12%	3
6	0.00%	0
7	0.00%	0
8	2.04%	1
9	18.37%	9
10	0.00%	0
TOTAL		49

Q14 What is your ZIP code? (Optional)

Answered: 56 Skipped: 2

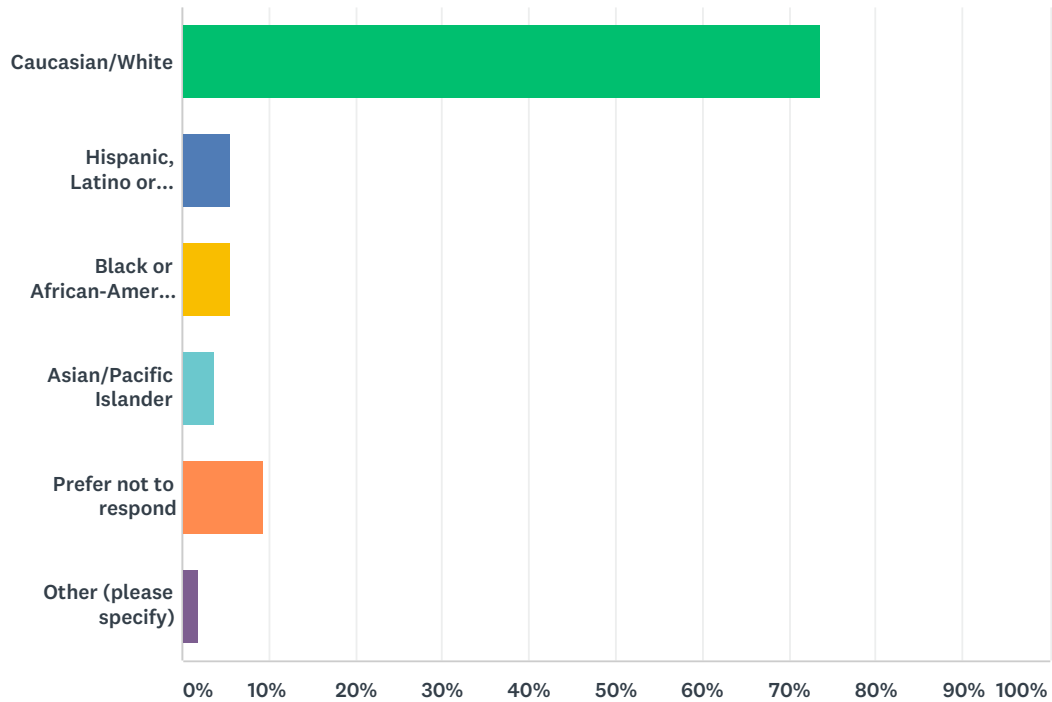
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Q15 What is your race/ethnicity? (Optional)

Answered: 53 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Caucasian/White	73.58%	39
Hispanic, Latino or Spanish ancestry	5.66%	3
Black or African-American	5.66%	3
Asian/Pacific Islander	3.77%	2
Prefer not to respond	9.43%	5
Other (please specify)	1.89%	1
TOTAL		53

Q16 What is your age? (Optional)

Answered: 50 Skipped: 8

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 24	2.00%	1
25-34	26.00%	13
35-44	32.00%	16
45-54	16.00%	8
55-64	12.00%	6
Over 65	8.00%	4
Prefer not to respond	4.00%	2